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SUBJ: DANISH REACTION TO EC COUNCIL (AGRICULTURAL) MEETING,
JULY 16-17.

1. AGATT AND ECONOFF CALLED ON H.J. KRISTENSEN, TOP AGRICULTURAL
ADVISOR IN THE DANISH MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, TO GET HIS REACTIONS
TO THE RECENT MINISTERIAL MEETING IN BRUSSELS PRIOR TO AGATT
DEPARTURE FOR WASHINGTON. KRISTENSEN SAID THAT, WHILE THERE WAS
CONSIDERABLE CRITICISM OF US CONTROLS ON SOYBEANS AND PRODUCTS,
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THERE WAS ALSO DEEP GENERAL CONCERN ABOUT THE CRITICAL WORLDWIDE

PROTEIN SITUATION. KRISTENSEN ADMITTED THE DANES HAD REACTED MORE STRONGLY TO US EXPORT CONTROLS THAN OTHER MEMBER STATES, BUT CLAIMED THIS IS BECAUSE OF DENMARK'S HEAVY DEPENDENCE ON US SOYBEANS.

2. KRISTENSEN SAID MINISTERS HAS ASKED EC COMMISSION TO SUBMIT A LONG-RANGE STUDY ON ENTIRE PROTEIN SITUATION IN THE COMMUNITY, POSSIBLY INCLUDING CONCRETE PROPOSALS ON CORRECTIVE STEPS. HE SAID NO ACTION WILL LIKELY BE TAKEN BEFORE THE STUDY IS AVAILABLE.

3. KRISTENSEN SAID THAT ANY POSSIBLE NEAR-TERM ACTION ON PROTEINS WILL PROBABLY DEPEND ON THE OUTCOME OF LARDINOIS' VISIT TO WASHINGTON. HE SAID LARDINOIS WILL WANT TO COME BACK WITH A VERY COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF BOTH THE SHORT AND LONG RUN US SOYBEAN SITUATION. HE WILL ALSO WANT TO REVIEW THE SYSTEM USED FOR ACCEPTING CONTRACTS MADE PRIOR TO JUNE 13. KRISTENSEN NOTED THAT ANOTHER MINISTERIAL MEETING COULD BE CALLED IN LATE JULY DEPENDING ON OUTCOME OF LARDINOIS' WASHINGTON VISIT. LARDINOIS IS SCHEDULED TO VISIT COPENHAGEN JULY 30-31 FOR TALKS WITH DANISH AG MIN FREDERIKSEN.)

4. A SPECIAL DANISH PROBLEM RECENTLY HAS BEEN THE DROP IN SLAUGHTER CATTLE PRICES. MARKET PRICES OF BEEF IN DENMARK ARE CURRENTLY ABOUT 91 PERCENT OF ORIENTATION PRICE COMPARED WITH AVERAGE EC MARKET PRICE OF 104 PERCENT. ALTHOUGH DENMARK DID INTEND TO PUSH FOR INTERVENTION PURCHASES AT THE COUNCIL MEETING, KRISTENSEN SAID THEY DID NOT DO SO AS DANISH MARKET PRICES HAVE IMPROVED SLIGHTLY DURING LAST WEEK AND THIS TREND EXPECTED TO CONTINUE. IN ADDITION, COUNCIL AGREEMENT TO REINTRODUCE FULL IMPORT TARIFF ON BEEF IF AVERAGE EC PRICE FALLS TO 103 PERCENT OF ORIENTATION PRICE SATISFIED DANES.
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